

HUGO WINES

We are a family business with a long history, recently taken over by the fifth generation. Our single estate vineyard in McLaren Vale is uniquely high and cool. The old vines and more recent plantings all produce exceptional fruit that's healthy and balanced – the wines are fresh and bright, but with complexity and depth; layered, just like the site on which they grow. Our vines are our family and our wines have been recognised for more than 40 years.

HUGO Johnny's Block Shiraz 2022

A new addition to the Hugo Range, Johnny's block shiraz is sourced from the oldest shiraz vines on the Hugo estate planted by John Hugo in 1969. These old gnarly vines are hand-picked and hand sorted and consistently produce wines of depth, intensity and generous mouthfeel while still having fine soft tannins. While this fruit is typically destined for Hugo's Reserve Shiraz, Johnny's block is a modern take on McLaren Vale shiraz spending less time in oak and showing more fruit characters.

Tasting Note A medium bodied more fruit driven McLaren Vale shiraz. Showing flavours of vibrant plum, violets & fresh cherry with soft yet generous mouthfeel which will continue to develop.

Vintage The region's mild summer and warm autumn resulted in a gentle and slow ripening period and delayed harvest, producing outstanding fruit. While it was a wet La Niña-influenced year for other parts of Australia, McLaren Vale's vineyards received below average rainfall. Wines tended to show a high natural acidity.

Vineyard Sourced from the first Shiraz vines planted by John Hugo on the Hugo Estate planted in 1969. Low yielding vines which produce the best fruit on the property. The 4 Acre 'Old vine' Shiraz vines are handpicked and hand sorted before ferment.

Winemaking Fermentation in a 3 Tonne open fermentor including 15% whole bunches for 8 days and then matured in older French oak hogsheads & puncheons for 10 months. Careful Barrel selection then used for final wine.

Total production 172 Dozen

Variety

Shiraz 100%

Region

McLaren Vale

Year Planted

1969

Elevation

180 metres above sea level.

Soils

Rich loam onto clay with river bedrock.

Cellaring

4+ years

Alcohol

14%

